

Michigan State Police

Crash Advisory #1



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Reporting Car/Train Crashes

The following information is provided to assist officers while completing the UD-10 Crash Report during the investigation of Car/Train crashes.

Unit Number

Make sure a Unit Number is written in for the train.

Driver License Number (Not Required)

Do **not** record an Operators License Number.

An engineer is not required to provide you with an operator's license, but should provide his/her Federal Railroad Association Certification Card, **(a laminated identification card with photograph, that every engineer is required to possess while operating a train).**

Engineer

Name and Address
Date of Birth & Gender
Hazardous Action – 00
Position – E
Restraint – 01
Unit Type – E
Driver Condition
Injury
Airbag – 3
Alcohol – Yes or No
Drugs – Yes or No

Vehicle - Train

Vehicle Registration-Engine Number off lead engine
Vehicle Description-Inspection Certificate in the
engine crew compartment (1980 GE Locomotive)
Total Occupants (obtain from engineer)
Vehicle Direction
Vehicle Use – 11
Location of Greatest Damage
First Impact
Extent of Vehicle Damage
Driveable – Yes or No
Vehicle Type – Other

Operating a Train Under the Influence (MCL 462.353 in Part): A person is prohibited from operating a train upon the railroad tracks of this state while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substance.

Chemical Tests (MCL 462.361 in part): Providing a peace officer had **reasonable grounds** to believe that a person was operating a locomotive engine while under the influence, a person who operates a locomotive engine upon the railroad tracks of this state is considered to have given consent to chemical test of his or her blood, breath, or urine if: (1) The person is arrested for OUIL, Per Se, or Impaired, or (2) The person is arrested for manslaughter resulting from the operation of a locomotive engine.

Note: Being involved in a crash cannot be the lone factor in determining “Reasonable Grounds” to obtain blood from a train engineer during the investigation of a fatal.

Chemical Test procedures (MCL 462.359 in part): Miranda rights shall be read to the arrested subject prior to requesting a chemical test.

Please Distribute to All Personnel Who Complete or Review Traffic Crash Reports

